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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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For : **METHOD FOR COMPRESSING A DIGITAL
IMAGE WITH SEVERAL BIT-PLANES**

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please provide us with the status of the above-identified patent application. More particularly, please indicate when we should receive a first Office Action. It is noted that this application was filed on June 13, 2002, over three years ago.

Respectfully submitted,

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